

	Enrollment Growth and Productivity Trust Fund
Background	<p>The budget bill, as amended, includes language directing the Council to revise the Enrollment Growth and Productivity Trust Fund Guidelines. The legislature did not appropriate funds for this purpose in the last budget cycle. The 2003 <i>Points of Consensus</i> stipulate that the Council will request funds for this purpose and will differentiate costs of undergraduate and graduate instruction.</p> <p>A special committee comprising representatives from the institutions and Council staff is continuing to work to develop guidelines and operating procedures.</p>
Recommendations	<p>The major principles incorporated within the draft guideline revisions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>?? Consistency with <i>Points of Consensus</i> and legislative directive.</li> <li>?? Trust fund to represent single fund with enrollment, productivity, and systemwide award pools.</li> <li>?? Comprehensive framework to substantively support enrollment growth and to reward several dimensions of productivity and systemwide improvements in education preparation and participation.</li> <li>?? Rewards for enrollment growth to include extra incentives to increase numbers of minority students.</li> <li>?? Rewards for productivity - retention; degrees conferred; closing achievement gaps (students who are underprepared, from target counties, or minorities).</li> <li>?? Rewards for systemwide improvements in preparation and participation (ACT scores, college going rates and percentages, adult population going to college).</li> </ul>
Difference	<p>Previous guidelines focused only on enrollment growth and retention; this draft recommendation incorporates other important reform measures, such as degree production, diversity, and preparation for college.</p>